



Housing & Homeless Services

SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR)

Quarterly Training

FY 2019

Introduction

The MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services team, in partnership with the SOAR TA Center, is hosting quarterly SOAR training for Michigan in FY 2019. Trainings will be organized into four cohorts, A through D, with specific schedules. Training is virtual and consists of the SOAR Online Course followed by a SOAR Online Course Refresher & Michigan Fundamentals Session, as well as regular group check-ins throughout the process.

Individuals that pass the SOAR Online Course and complete a SOAR Online Course Review & Michigan Fundamentals Session will be designated as a Certified SOAR Practitioner in Michigan.

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Training Highlights

- A step-by-step explanation of the SSI/SSDI application and disability determination process.
- Strategies for working with individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, and who have serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders — only a fraction of this population receives the benefits to which they are entitled.
- Exercises and worksheets provide practical application tools.
- Learn how to track outcomes of your SOAR applications in the Online Application Tracking (OAT) system.
- Understand what the SOAR process looks like in Michigan.

Training Expectations & Requirements

- Individuals must intend to become a Certified Michigan SOAR Practitioner.
 - To maintain certification status, the following criteria must be met on an annual basis:
 - Complete at least 3 SOAR applications;
 - Maintain an initial application approval rate of at least 60%;
 - Participate in Michigan's annual statewide SOAR meeting.
- Individuals must complete registration with MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services to participate in a training cohort.
 - **A registration link will be distributed via email prior to each training cohort.**

- Registration will include a sign-off acknowledging that the individual's employer/supervisor has agreed that SOAR activities will be allowable job duties for the individual's position.
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Training Cohort Schedules

Training schedules corresponding to each cohort are outlined in the table below.

	Cohort A	Cohort B	Cohort C	Cohort D
	Dates	Dates	Dates	Dates
Registration Opens	Nov 1, 2018	Jan 7, 2019	Apr 8, 2019	Jul 22, 2019
Registration Closes	Nov 9, 2019	Feb 6, 2019	May 1, 2019	Aug 14, 2019
Cohort Begins	Nov 12, 2018	Feb 11, 2019	May 6, 2019	Aug 19, 2019
Cohort Online Course Orientation (via webinar)			May 6, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Aug 19, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Online Course: Classes 1 & 2	Nov 12-16, 2018	Feb 11-15, 2019	May 6-10, 2019	Aug 19-23, 2019
Cohort Online Course Check-in #1 (via webinar)	Nov 14, 2018 10:00 a.m.	Feb 13, 2019 10:00 a.m.	May 8, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Aug 21, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Online Course: Classes 3 & 4	Nov 19-23, 2018	Feb 18-22, 2019	May 13-17, 2019	Aug 26-30, 2019
Cohort Online Course Check-in #2 (via webinar)	Nov 20, 2018 10:00 a.m.	Feb 20, 2019 10:00 a.m.	May 15, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Aug 28, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Online Course: Classes 5 & 6	Nov 26-30, 2018	Feb 25-Mar 1, 2019	May 20-24, 2019	Sep 2-6, 2019
Cohort Online Course Check-in #3 - Final (via webinar)	Nov 28, 2018 10:00 a.m.	Feb 27, 2019 10:00 a.m.	May 22, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Sep 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Deadline to submit Online Course materials for review.	Dec 3, 2018	Mar 4, 2019	May 27, 2019	Sep 9, 2019
Revise and resubmit any online course materials as requested.	Dec 3-7, 2018	Mar 4-15, 2019	May 27-Jun 7, 2019	Sep 9-20, 2019
SOAR Online Course Review & Michigan Fundamentals Session (via webinar)	Dec 12, 2018 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Mar 19, 2019 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Jun 12, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Sep 25, 2019 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
Cohort Ends	Dec 12, 2018	Mar 19, 2019	Jun 12, 2019	Sep 25, 2019
Cohort Post-training Check-in (via webinar)	Jan 23, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Apr 24, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Jul 17, 2019 10:00 a.m.	Oct 30, 2019 10:00 a.m.